



Commonwealth of Massachusetts
**DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING &
 COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT**

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**CDBG One-Year Action Plan
 FY 2018 Proposed Changes**

The Department of Housing and Community Development (DHCD) is contemplating the following changes to the MA CDBG program for FY 2018.

COMMUNITY BASED PLANNING REQUIREMENT:

Communities will still be required to have a Community Development Strategy (CDS) in place but the content of the CDS will be modified:

- Communities will identify community development goals and objectives over a 3 to 5 year period
- Communities will describe how they intend to address these goals and objectives utilizing CDBG and non-CDBG funds
- Communities will provide a priority list of activities/projects that it intends to carry out to achieve these goals and objectives
- Responses will be limited to three (3) pages, reduced from 7
- CD Strategies will be submitted with the application and will continue to require public input

ALLOCATION OF CDBG FUNDS: DHCD proposes the following allocation of funds based on level funding from 2017.

MA CDBG PROGRAM COMPONENT	FY 2018 ALLOCATION
Community Development Fund	\$19,153,018
Mini-Entitlement Program	\$ 9,075,000
-Section 108 Loan Guarantee*	\$ 10,000,000
Reserves	\$ 250,000
Section 108 Loan Repayments** (No. Adams, Everett)	\$ 336,622
Administration and Technical Assistance	\$ 992,721
TOTAL AVAILABLE (includes \$29,757,361 allocation plus up to \$50,000 in program income)	\$29,807,361
*Section 108 Loan Program allocation does not impact the FY 2018 Allocation **Section 108 Loan Repayments are budgeted but not necessarily required. This is an "up to" amount. Amounts not required for repayment to HUD will be reallocated to other components.	

Other proposed changes:

- DHCD will not utilize the Community Wide Needs (CWN) score for the FY 2018 CDBG program removing as a tie breaking criteria
- All communities that did not apply during the FY 2017 application round must comply with Threshold II, ADA Self Evaluation and Transition Plan.
- Resolve tie scores in a competitive fund by applying the criteria below in the following order:
 1. Applications for projects that increase the community's supply of affordable housing units;
 2. Regional applications;
 3. Applications for housing and/or economic development projects that are consistent with the goals of the Administration; and
 4. If scores remain tied after the application of steps #1 through 3, DHCD will conduct a lottery at which a representative from HUD will be present.
- DHCD will maintain the same eleven (11) Mini Entitlement communities for the FY 2018 program as participated in the FY 2017 program. DHCD will conduct a recalculation of the Mini Entitlement communities prior to the FY 2019 program.

AVAILABILITY OF CDBG PROGRAM FUNDS

Application Due Dates for CDBG FY 2018 Program:

Activity Funds:	March 2, 2018
Mini-Entitlement Program:	March 2, 2018

EXHIBIT 2

MUNICIPAL ELIGIBILITY TO APPLY FOR CDBG PROGRAM FUNDS IN FY 2018

Based on the FY 2017 One Year Action Plan, a single Community Development Fund community may receive no more than \$1.35 million from two successive years. Reserves awards are not subject to the \$1.35 million cap per community.

As a result, FY 2018 award limits apply to the following FY 2017 grantees, in the following amounts:

Adams - \$550,000	Montague - \$859,389
Athol - \$643,252	Monterey - \$550,000
Beckett - \$577,200	North Brookfield - \$550,192
Bellingham - \$971,541	Oak Bluffs - \$889,493
Brookfield - \$986,301	Palmer - \$842,367
Buckland - \$808,132	Salisbury - \$550,000
Chester - \$355,105	Shelburne - \$592,936
Clinton - \$863,209	Shirley - \$554,047
Hopedale - \$971,541	Spencer - \$561,110
Hull - \$579,317	Tisbury - \$889,493
Leicester - \$550,465	Warren - \$350,000
Methuen - \$920,082	Winchendon - \$792,665

DHCD will hold public sessions and a hearing to receive comments on the proposed FY 2018 One-Year Action Plan prior to its submission to the US Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). See below for times and locations information. Interested parties are encouraged to submit comments, in writing or via email, in advance of the public sessions and by October 31, 2017. Comments will continue to be accepted directly to DHCD any time prior to, or at the scheduled hearing. Comments may be directed to: Mark Southard, Community Development Manager, DHCD, 100 Cambridge St, Suite 300, Boston, MA 02114 or mark.southard@state.ma.us.

Wednesday October 25, 2017 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. Springfield, MA

TBD (looking at the week of October 16) Boston, MA

Specific details on locations will be sent in a couple of weeks